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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Filed: August 2, 1999

For: TEST SYSTEMS AND SENSORS
FOR DETECTING MOLECULAR
BINDING EVENTS

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Art Unit: 1641

AMENDMENT .

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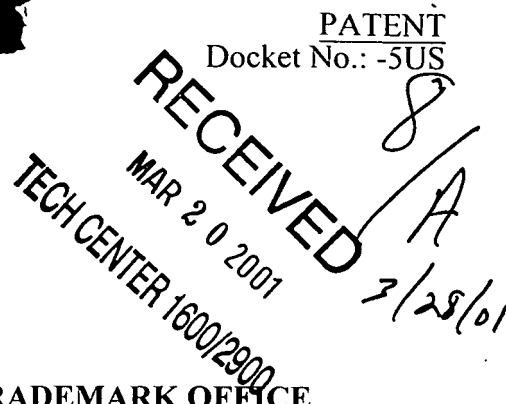
In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the existing paragraph that begins at the indicated location with the new paragraph provided below. A marked-up version of the amended specification paragraphs is shown in Appendix A.

Paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10:

Fig. 1A illustrates one embodiment of a bio-assay system in accordance with the present invention.



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